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AGENDA ITEM: DMH Report on Status of PEI Reducing Disparities Project

ENCLOSURES:

- DMH Fact Sheet on California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP)
- Flowchart Overview of California Reducing Disparities Project

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

ISSUE

The MHSOAC has primary responsibility for Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs including PEI Statewide programs. The California Department of Mental Health (DMH) is administering the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) to develop a strategic plan for how the PEI Statewide Reducing Disparities Project will be implemented. The attached DMH Fact Sheet and Flowchart Overview provide more information on how this project is being implemented. Autumn Valerio, DMH Office of Multicultural Services, will report on the status of developing the CRDP strategic plan for the design of this PEI statewide project and the establishment of a Multicultural Coalition.

BACKGROUND:

- DMH in partnership with the MHSOAC and in coordination with the California Mental Health Director's Association (CMHDA) and the California Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC) called for a statewide policy initiative as a means to improve access, quality of care, and increase positive outcomes for racial, ethnic and cultural communities
- In 2007 the MHSOAC approved a PEI statewide project specifically focused on reducing ethnic/cultural disparities. This project was one of five identified for statewide implementation as a PEI Statewide project. (Other projects included Suicide Prevention, Stigma and Discrimination Reduction, Student Mental Health and PEI Training/TA Capacity Building.)
- \$60 million (\$15 million per year for 4 years) was identified to implement statewide ethnic and cultural specific programs and interventions aimed at reducing disparities
- In January 2009 the MHSOAC voted to support the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) proposed by DMH
- The CRDP is focused on five populations: African Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Latinos, Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) and Native Americans
- DMH has authority to use \$1.5 million of MHSA funds to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to guide the design of the statewide project and to establish a MHSA Multicultural Coalition